1 **CLAIMS**

2 What is claimed is:

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1   1.   A method of a server system custom provisioning a generically pre-provisioned client device,

2 the method comprising:

3   receiving a connection from the client device; and

4   downloading provisioning data to the generically pre-provisioned client device.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2   authenticating the generically pre-provisioned client device; and

3   the downloading being conditioned upon the authenticating.

1   3.   The method of claim 2 further comprising:

2   sending out-of-band data to a user of the generically pre-provisioned client device prior to

3   receiving the connection.

1   4.   A system comprising:

2   a network;

3   a server system coupled to the network and including,

4   a provisioning server,

5   a provisioning database having stored therein provisioning data for at least one

6   generically pre-provisioned client device; and

7   a generically pre-provisioned client device coupled to the server system via the network.

1   5.   The system of claim 4 wherein the generically pre-provisioned client device comprises:

2   generically pre-provisioned data which have been provisioned prior to an initial connection of

3   the generically pre-provisioned client device to the server system via the network;

4   out-of-band data which have been stored into the generically pre-provisioned client device by

5   a user; and

6   provisioning data which have been provisioned by the provisioning server after an initial

7   connection of the generically pre-provisioned client device to the server system via the network.

1   6.   An article of manufacture comprising:

2   a machine-accessible medium including instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause

3   the machine to perform the method of claim 1.

1   7.   The article of manufacture of claim 6 wherein the machine-accessible medium further

2   includes instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform the method

3   of claim 2.